

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

New Abstract Sheet

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The Office rejected claims all claims as being obvious over Leary (US 6061969) in view of Oles (US 5946500).

Claim 1 is amended herein to clarify that the cavity is sufficiently large to contain a plurality of people, props, and equipment, and has a translucent wall that is colored to produce a uniform chroma key backdrop to a subject being photographed from inside the cavity. Leary's cavity is sufficiently large, but doesn't have the properly pigmented walls. Coloring or otherwise ensuring the walls have a visible color walls includes the concept of pigmenting the walls.

Claim 4 is amended to recite a plurality of stage lighting. It would make no sense to use place lights outside the greenhouse of Leary. If artificial lighting is used, the lights would be placed inside the greenhouse where they would provide the most light.

Claim 8 and paragraph starting on page 4, line 25 refer to thickness of the bubble in mm as opposed to mils. Those are obviously typographical errors, and appropriate amendments are made herein.

Claims 6-11 are amended by virtue of their dependence on claim 1.

Claim 12 is amended to recite that the structure has a floor portion that is continuous with the wall. That feature is entirely absent from the references.

Claim 13 is amended to recite that the structure is inflated by pressure from within the cavity, which according to claim 1 is large enough to contain a plurality of people, props, booms and cameras. Leary teaches just the opposite, namely a double-walled structure in which the space between the double walls is used to inflate the structure. Leary does teach that the two walls can be formed from a single sheet (C5/L53-60), but that alternative still fails to teach suggest or motivate such a large structure that is inflated by pressurizing the cavity.

Rejections to claims 14-19 are obviated by cancellation of those claims.

Independent claim 19 is amended to recite various aspects of using an inflatable structure to produce a chroma key colored background within its cavity, and to photograph a subject against that background. There is no teaching, suggestion or motivation to use an inflatable structure for those purposes. And of course a recited purpose is a patentably distinguishing element of a method claim. Claims 20-22 are amended by virtue of their dependence on claim 20.

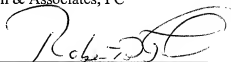
New claim 23, reciting a floor portion that is an extension of the wall is supported at para. [0032]. That feature is entirely absent from the references.

Request For Allowance

Claims 1, 4, 6-13 and 19-23 are pending in this application. Claims 2-3, 5, and 14-18 are canceled. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

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